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Department Officers Meeting Minutes April 6, 2019

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Commander Daniel Murray: The Chaplain will now open the Bible. The Secretary will now call the role of Officers.

Secretary John Dupre: Commander Daniel Murray?

Commander Daniel Murray: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers?

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Junior Vice Commander William Naughton?

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Secretary, present. Treasurer Edward Norris?

Treasure Edward Norris: I'm here.

Secretary John Dupre: Council 1 Kevin Tucker?

Council 1 Kevin Tucker: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Counsel 2 George Maple?

Counsel to George Maple: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Council 3 Dexter Bishop?

Council 3 Dexter Bishop: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Patriotic instructor Kenneth London?

Patriotic instructor Kenneth London: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Civil War Memorials Edward Norris?

Civil War Memorials Edward Norris: I'm present.

Secretary John Dupre: Graves Registration Officer William Naughton?

Graves Registration Officer William Naughton: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Chaplain Peter Preble?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Department Organizer Edward Norris?

Department Organizer Edward Norris: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Counselor Kevin Tucker?

Counselor Kevin Tucker: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Eagle Scout Coordinator Edward Knight?

Eagle Scout Coordinator Edward Knight: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: ROTC Awards Officer Al Smith?

ROTC Awards Officer Edward Knight: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: GAR Highway Officer George Maple?

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Historian Peter Preble?

Historian Peter Preble: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Signals Officer Jack Manning? Absent. Guide Charles Lewis?

Guide Charles Lewis: Present.

Secretary John Dupre: Sir, the roll is called.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. We need a committee on credentials. It is just a formality. Kevin, Van would you to serve on the committee with John and check the credentials? (Both answered in the affirmative). I don't think we need any other committees. Some people here are new, and some haven't been here before, so when I call your name would you stand so that people can at least put a face to a name. Department Treasurer Edward Norris, Chaplain Peter Preble, Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London, Council Dexter Bishop, Brother Donald Hayes, Counsel George Maple, Brother Michael Rice. Back there is Brother Bob Borden whom I haven't seen in years, since he moved to New Hampshire. I should've introduced you as a guest.

Brother Bob Borden: I'm surprised anybody recognized me here.

Commander Daniel Murray: I didn't expect to see you here. I'm glad you're here and I'm glad to see you. Dan Geary Camp 104, Ian Knight from Camp 15, Nathaniel Knight Camp 15, Edward Knight from Camp 15, Richard Lufkin from Camp 25, Paul Grady, he is the Commander from Camp 25, Bill Naughton Junior Vice Commander, Maurice Healy Camp 25, Al Smith Camp 104, Richard Cultrera Camp 5 and Camp 22, Rod Fraser Camp 5, Michael Rice Camp 26, Stuart Chambers Senior Vice Commander, Charles Lewis Commander Camp 22, Van Jabagjorian Camp 26, Kevin Tucker Camp 104 also the National Counsel of Administration and Secretary John Dupre from Camp 25, and I'm Daniel Murray from Camp 104. Kevin, would you give the report of the Credentials Committee.

Council Kevin Tucker: We have twenty-four in attendance, with guests.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Do we need a committee on Constitution and Regulation? We have to do our bylaws.

Secretary John Dupre: Yes, we have to change them. A motion to suspend was made at the last meeting.

Commander Daniel Murray: We have to bring it off the table with this meeting. We need to get a committee to look at it. We had a committee last year rewriting the bylaws and it was Kevin Tucker, Dexter Bishop and who was the third one. Was it Al Smith?

Secretary John Dupre: I don't remember.

Commander Daniel Murray: I thought it was Al Smith.

Unknown: Yes, it was.

Commander Daniel Murray: I will appoint you three as the committee on Constitution and Regulations because we have to get it done today. Rituals and Ceremonies, we don't have anything. Does anybody have any Resolutions? Then we don't need that committee. We will go into Officers reports. Department Senior Vice Commander.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Nothing to report at this time.

Commander Daniel Murray: Junior Vice Commander.

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: Since last year's Encampment the Junior Vice Commander has done essentially three things. One is to research genealogy of prospective members to help them establish their lineage. Two is to help members decide which Camp to join based on location of the meeting place and three I referred seven applications received from National to the different Camps for further actions. I would like to thank all of the Camp Commanders for following up on those; I hope that the Camps are benefiting from all the new members. I would like to take something different since I have the floor here and make Camps aware of work done by the Department of Michigan to survey and report the best practices for new member recruitment and retention. Just to summarize their report, basically it says to grow our Order we need to show our Order. I have a copy of the whole thing for each Camp Commander, when we go on break, we will take care of it. I know that it might generate some examination and discussion of our current practices. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: Brother Secretary, John Dupre?

Secretary John Dupre: Can I do it from here?

Commander Daniel Murray: You could do it from there.

Secretary John Dupre: April 25, 2019 Commander Daniel Murray, first, I want to fault guys for not submitting last year's written report at Encampment. All of the reports required by National since last Encampment have been submitted on time. Since last Encampment, one Camp was suspended for failure to submit Form 27, Camp Annual report, was submitted in May and the Camp was duly reinstated. Two of the ten Camps have not submitted Form 22, Certification of Elections. Those Camp have reported otherwise and they have had no changes in membership or elected officers. As of today, six of the ten camps have submitted the Form 27, the Annual Camp report with per capita payments which includes the two Camps that did not submit the Form 22.

Annual reports are due by April 30. Department strength is at 157 which includes one hundred thirty-two Member's and twenty-five Associates. This includes five Dual Members. Regarding General Order 18 Revision to bylaws, three Camps have submitted revised bylaws. Revised bylaws must be received from all Camps by May 31. The Department bylaws must be revised by June 30, 2019 and the Department Commander must file report with the National Treasurer that all Camps are compliant by June 2019. Respectfully submitted John Dupre.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you.

Council Kevin Tucker: I make a motion that the Secretary's report be accepted as read.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I'll second that.

Commander Daniel Murray: All those in favor? Report accepted.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Do you want me to do this now or do you want me to do it with the budget?

Commander Daniel Murray: We'll do the Treasurer's report with the budget. We will kill two birds with one stone. Council number 1 Kevin Tucker?

Council Kevin Tucker: No report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Council number 2 George Maple?

Council George Maple: No report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Council number 3 Dexter Bishop?

Council Dexter Bishop: No reports, sir.

Commander Daniel Murray: Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London?

Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London: I would remind people that Patriotic Instructors reports were due April 1 and so far, I have received reports from Camp 104, Camp 5, Camp 15, Camp 50, Camp 25 and Camp 61. That is six Camps. Next year I would like to see all of the Camps get their report in. It should be noted that Form 40 is how National keeps track of all your hard work through the year.

Commander Daniel Murray: Okay, thank you. Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Norris?

Civil War Memorials Officer Edward Norris: I made the offer to the Camps to go out and show them how to record a Civil War monument and I got no takers. So, that's the end of my report. I think we need to do a better job next year.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Graves Registration Officer William Naughton?

Graves Registration Officer William Naughton: Okay, since last year's Encampment, from Brothers and interested nonmembers there were, well, I have one hundred fifty-five number noted here. I received another one this morning so one hundred fifty-six Civil War veterans

added to the National database. Last year I tried to mention people who have assisted with this, so I won't do that this year. At present there are 30,791 Civil War veterans who are buried in Massachusetts cemeteries on the National database. That is an awful lot of hard work by an awful lot of people over the years, when one realizes that there are 102,252 who served in Massachusetts units or Federal Service that were credited to Massachusetts. That's when one realizes there is still a lot to do. So, keep up the good work and see if we can even expand on that. Presently the Department has an inventory of forty-one GAR grave markers. It seems that the foundries who produce these have stopped making Veteran 1861 – 1865 markers, so if anyone becomes aware of a source for those please let me know. I have forty-one out in the truck so let me know at the break and we will set you up with those. The next initiative for Graves Registration is to recognize the last Civil War veteran in each county and state. I know that several Camps are working on that, but I think that looking ahead when we find them, when they are found that will be a source of celebration and ceremony. We should put ourselves in a position to take advantage of the publicity that will come with that.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I believe Rhode Island…

Graves Registration Officer William Naughton: I think they did that three weeks ago.

Commander Daniel Murray: Chaplain Peter Preble?

Chaplain Peter Preble: No report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Department Organizer Edward Norris?

Department Organizer Edward Norris: We had no Camps organize this time. The Camp, I forgot the number, the one out in Springfield, 37 they are attempting to reorganize but they haven't submitted anything yet. I do not know what is going on with them.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Counselor Kevin Tucker?

Counselor Kevin Tucker: Nothing to report Commander

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Eagle Scout Coordinator Edward Knight?

Eagle Scout Coordinator Edward Knight: Since getting appointed to this position for the current term, six Eagle Scout commendation packages have been awarded in the past year. All six were presented by myself and includes our own Ian Knight of L. A. Tifft Camp 15. Respectfully submitted.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. GAR Highway Officer George Maple?

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: There still remains no signs when you get to Massachusetts for the GAR Highway. On the 6 East I was able to see eleven markers and on 6 West I could find twelve, the additional one being on the Sagamore Bridge. Again, most of these signs, I haven't gone over the summer. But I know that when the trees start filling out you can't see half of those signs that I was able to see in the spring. I still haven't found anyone who can

take ownership on why the other towns don't have any signs. Again, there's still those two towns, Barnstable to have their portion of the highway named Korean War Veterans and Fairhaven calls it Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial Highway. I believe Barnstable still has a GAR our highway sign Fairhaven does not.

Commander Daniel Murray: Okay thank you.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Is Route 6 a state highway?

GAR Highway Officer George Maple: I've tried several times, and no one answers that.

Commander Daniel Murray: ROTC Awards Officer Al Smith?

ROTC Awards Officer Al Smith: Commander I was invited to attend three ROTC award ceremonies, two of which I had to let them know that I would not be able to attend because of other obligations. Both Quincy high school and the Boston school system sent me an invite and I asked him to keep my name on their records. I did attend the awards ceremony at Tufts University just the other night. It was rewarding to see that the future of our military seems to be well under control. They had people that were granted their certificates, show great knowledge and skills that will eventually take them into the military. That is my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Historian Peter Preble?

Historian Peter Preble: No report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Guide Charles Lewis?

Guide Charles Lewis: Commander, I was present at the National Encampment in Framingham and I was appointed National Guard. Other than that, I have nothing to report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Chip, would you take over the gavel? I need to give my report for the year as Department Commander. The Department of Massachusetts has accomplished a lot in the last year. The Department has been supporting a Camp along with programming at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home. This past year the Department has been asked by the Superintendent of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home if it will be possible to start a program there like we have in Chelsea. The Department is in the process of seeing if it is possible to place a Camp in Holyoke.

The biggest event for the Department was hosting the National Encampment this past August in Framingham. It was held at the Sheraton Tara. I want to express my overwhelming gratitude and thanks for the amazing job to the Host Committee at the National Encampment. They have worked tirelessly over the last three years to try to make this the best National Encampment ever held. Most everyone I talked to following the Encampment said it was the best they can remember attending. The Department owes a debt of gratitude to the people who helped to plan and everyone who helped with their assigned tasks to pull this off. I would like to thank all who worked on this committee for all of the ideas, hours of planning, attendance at meetings, carrying out assigned tasks and working so well together. The one we owe the biggest debt of gratitude to is Dexter Bishop, Chairman of the Hosts Committee. Thank you, Dexter.

The Department also hosted a fund-raising dinner for Project New Hope. The goal of Project

New Hope is to assist individuals and families in dealing with combat stress so they can enjoy a healthy and prosperous lifestyle. In conjunction with Grotonwoods, they host individual and family retreats and counseling at no cost to the veteran. The Department raised over $2000 for Project New Hope this year. There was also an awards dinner this past year where Brother Dexter Bishop was given an award for the help he has given to Project New Hope.
The Department also participated in or hosted the following events: Charlestown Civil War Memorial program, Memorial Day services at Bourne National Cemetery, Veterans Parade in Lynn, General Butler Memorial service, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Chelsea Soldiers' Home Christmas party and the Lincoln Brunch.
In closing I would like to thank all of the Department Officers for the fine job they've done over the last two years helping to run the Department. I would also like to thank the Brothers who worked to make all the Department programs a success. That concludes my report.
We will go into the report of Camps. Camp 5?

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop, I am the Chaplain for Camp 5. This past year we have had teacher training for twenty-five or thirty teachers from the city of Lynn. We are looking at doing it again this coming year, it won't take place until September. We have also had our annual Thursday evening before Memorial Day at the Pine Grove Cemetery and that will go on again this year. We had our bean supper last year; Rod did the fine cooking of the beans because Kevin was not available. Now you two need to fight it out to see who wants to do it again this year. Everybody is shaking their head no.
We also sponsored a History Bee between Lynn English and Lynn Classical and this year for the first time in 5 years Classical won and they got the $500 bounty that we offer to the winning team. The History Department at the school can spend it on anything they want.
We are also hoping to buy a table of eight people for the Project New Hope dinner that we will be holding in September. That will be held here, we have already got it set up so all of the proceeds raised will go to Project New Hope.
We are looking to raise $10 million so if anyone knows anybody with deep pockets let me know. That is to save Grand Army Hall in Lynn. It is in tough shape there right now the city says they have no money. We have formed the group called the Friends of the Grande Army of the Republic Museum and Hall. They are trying to raise money, but they are waiting on their 501(c)(3) designation. Once they get that we have $50,000 already pledged.
We are also participating in the Massachusetts History Bee which is across the state. I guess that covers it.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Camp 15

Eagle Scout Award Officer Edward Knight: Edward Knight Camp Commander. The Camp attended or participated in the following events: three members attended the 2018 Department Encampment, Camp held Memorial Day services at Riverside Cemetery in Sunderland, Massachusetts, members attended Memorial Day services in various communities including but not limited to Belchertown and Weare. Members presented colors at the Belchertown Little League on Memorial Day. Camp members attended Veterans Day services in both Belchertown and Weare. The Camp has spent extensive time providing training to Belchertown Boy Scouts of

that the 15th Mass Association. We also help the Department at the military appreciation day in Lynn. We had members participate in the Columbus Day parade in Rhode Island and also their last soldier ceremony in Rhode Island. The Camp celebrated its 125th anniversary at the Black Tavern. We had a full house; we had a great time. It was well received. We also participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Scituate as the Color Guard. All members of the Color Guard were descendants of the Slater Guard, 15th Massachusetts Co. I. That is my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you sir. Camp 26?

Brother Michael Rice: Commander, Mike Rice Commander Camp 26 D N Couch, Berkeley, Massachusetts. For the benefit of the other Brothers here I will repeat some information about Camp 26 that Brothers Dupre, myself, Commander and Brother Bishop are already aware of. Camp 26, due to the death of our Commander and the inability of other key officers to serve, has been struggling for the last year and a half. I am sure that is not unique, but it is our circumstance. Due to the guidance and advice of many of the officers in support of others we have been, Brother Van Jabagjorian and myself have been able to 1) keep the Camp alive, keep it viable. The short-term goal to decide whether to do that or exercise other options as you know. We decided to give it a go. This year's goal is to…. First our short-term goal, also included deciding that we would secure signatory power to the Camp funds etc. and so forth which we did not have, Brother Van and myself did not have that authority, we do now, we are in control of the funds and we are up-to-date or nearly up-to-date on forms etc. and so forth. Our short-term goals were to get our house in order. This year we hope to expand our role and roster. I am involved in other veterans' organizations and we are trying to recruit there. Those, as you also all know are also dwindling and recruitment is an issue for them as well. We are giving it a go. Respectfully submitted.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. If you need anything from the Department let me know. Camp 50?

Chaplain Peter Preble: Peter Preble Chaplain for Camp 50. The biggest thrust this year has been restoration of the heating system at the GAR in Rockland and it is now warm and toasty in the building. On May 5, what is that, next Sunday, there is a swap meet at the Hall in Rockland. You can come by, it starts about 9 AM. When you have fulfilled Dexter's pledge of 10 million, if there is any leftover you can talk to me about the Hall in Rockland which is owned by the Sons and the Association in Rockland. The Hall needs a bit of work on the inside; the outside is pretty good. After you see Dexter, if you have a few pennies left over, see me. Respectfully submitted.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you Peter. Camp 61?

Brother Donald Hayes: Don Hays Secretary/Treasurer filling in for the Camp Commander. The first thing we had to do was change our location this year. The place we had in Framingham changed its operations, so we moved to Natick, right next-door. Two of our members perform in the Shades of Gray and they participated in three functions including the Gettysburg Remembrance Day. One additional member survived the bus trip that went to Gettysburg for Remembrance Day and that was me. Three of us went to the National Encampment, one of us to the Rebecca Nurse House Historic Holidays in Danvers. We recently made contact with the local

cable TV company and we are working on a show or program for cable TV locally to get ourselves known.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Camp 104?

Council Kevin Tucker: Commander, Camp 104 started off with the Charlestown Remembrance Day event last year in Charlestown, Massachusetts which we participate in every year. Two weeks later we participated in a Memorial Day observance at Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn along with Camp 5. Following that we went down to our annual Department Memorial Day observance at Bourne National Cemetery. This year, as the Commander mentioned, we had the National Encampment. We had many volunteers that participated in that and many Brothers that came to vote and help to put on a great Encampment. We participated in the Veterans Parade in Lynn in September, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg including the bus trip from…

Unknown: Hell.

Council Kevin Tucker: I didn't want to say that, the Butler ceremony and we helped out at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home Christmas Party and the GAR Hall in Lynn had a rededication and we performed a ceremony there. Finally, we had the Lincoln Brunch in Wakefield this past February.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you sir. Dan, is there anything he didn't cover?

Brother Daniel Geary: Commander, Senior Vice Commander Dan Geary I rise before you to express the regrets of our Commander. John Wilder was unable to be here and he asked me to present this report. Kevin covered most of it. A couple of things that John wanted me to mention was the flagging of two hundred sixty-seven graves of Civil War veterans in Wakefield for Memorial Day. We hosted a recruiting table at the Wakefield Heritage Days. The Camp recorded a total of ninety-six previously unregistered graves for the National database. They were from locations including Melrose, North Reading, Danvers and Salem. That is my report.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Camp 132? There is no one here from Camp 132. I don't think there is anybody here from Scituate either. Camp 3188? For those of you that don't know, there's been a reference made to the Gettysburg trip a couple of times. We take an annual trip down to Gettysburg on the bus and we leave on Thursday morning and usually get there on Thursday afternoon. We have a side trip on Friday, Saturday is the big day in Gettysburg with the parade and Sunday you come back. Well, we left all right on Thursday morning, but we didn't get to Gettysburg until Friday morning at 8:30 AM. We get stuck in Pennsylvania between 2 exits on, I believe, 75.

Treasurer Edward Norris: No, we were still in New Jersey.

Commander Daniel Murray: We were stuck between exits for about 7 ½ hours so took a while to get there. There was a snowstorm or ice storm.

Treasurer Edward Norris: There was an accident with two trucks and a car, and I guess two people died.

Council Kevin Tucker: I believe we have it and we will send it in.

Commander Daniel Murray: Okay. That leaves Camps 132 and 3188 and we'll see what happens with them. Camp 3188, we tried contacting them this year numerous times and have gotten no response. Ellsworth Spear is the Secretary and I believe the Camp Commander is Jack Manning.

Secretary John Dupre: Both Camps 132 and 3188 have submitted their Forms 27. They haven't responded with the bylaw's changes.

Commander Daniel Murray: Did they both submit rosters?

Secretary John Dupre: Well they didn't include a roster, so I used the last roster that I had from the Department ones.

Commander Daniel Murray: Okay we will try to contact them.

Secretary John Dupre: Just to recap 5, 15, and 104 have not submitted a copy to Department.

Commander Daniel Murray: So, it's just 22, 132 and 3188. I'm sure we'll get it out of 22 and 132. The only one I'm worried about is the last one. Is there any other unfinished business? Is there any new business? Do you think we'll be able to finish in an hour?

Treasurer Edward Norris: I hope so.

Council Kevin Tucker: I have a copy of the proposed budget and I am going to pass it out.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Yeah, I have these, too.

Commander Daniel Murray: We're going to get the Treasurer's report at the same time.

Council Kevin Tucker: You now have a copy of the proposed budget.

Treasurer Edward Norris: We are going to start with the page… it says account balances as of March 31, 2019. The one thing I want to point out is we are missing the statement for our stock account. It is over $900,000. We need to find that for the audit. I didn't have it; you will have to request another one. To give you an example, coming down just as of February 28, it was $822,539.56. I know the market is gone up and is over $900,000. So that would be the Wells Fargo advisors. When I find that out, I will reissue this and send it on our mailing list. I will put the two reports on the Yahoo groups and send them out so people can see it. The rest of the information above is correct. If we go to the next page, monthly spending comparisons, I don't know why it says monthly it's really yearly. Quicken has done some strange things to me this year which I didn't see in the previous years and I have been doing it for seven years now. The biggest thing you will notice here is down at the very bottom of expenses it says to checking and it shows $25,000. I don't know why it puts it there like an additional amount we spent. The total expenses is really $52,996.37, if you want to mark it down. We didn't have a $28,348.57 loss for the year; it was $2922.73. Much better than fiction here, if you just want to cross out the to checking, again I don't know what Quicken is doing. The other thing when I created the budget it kept wanting to reset it to January 1. It wouldn't let us do our fiscal year. I thought I had finally

found a way to do it and as soon as I made an entry into it, it would revert back to January 1. It started to change my computer time to April 1 to create the budget as soon as I put it back to Internet time it changed my budget again. Yes Kevin?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes, we have the ladies at the door.

Commander Daniel Murray: Guard, Guide? How many ladies are there?

Unknown: There are three.

Commander Daniel Murray: Edward Knight, would you do one? And Al Smith would you help escort the ladies in? Don't forget to introduce them, too. We need one more; would you help Dexter?

(Auxiliary are escorted in)

Council Dexter Bishop: Commander I wish to introduce Jacqueline Johnson Past National President, Department of New Hampshire

Commander Daniel Murray: Would you come up to the Commander station?

Guard Charles Lewis: Commander, Mary Flynn Treasurer Department of New Hampshire.

Commander Daniel Murray: Would you escort her up to the Commanders station?

Past National President Jacqueline Johnson: On behalf of the new Department of New England, which hasn't quite been installed yet, but it will be, this is a gift for you

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you.

Past National President Jacqueline Johnson: And the National Representative.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Thank you very much.

Past National President Jacqueline Johnson: You are very welcome.

Department President Mary Catherine Knight: I have a small token for each of you.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Thank you very much.

Commander Daniel Murray: Would you like to address the Brothers?

Past National President Jacqueline Johnson: Certainly. Sons, we are your Auxiliary and as such we stand to help you in all of the endeavors that you do. It is our job as an auxiliary to be your helpmates and we are. Together we can make and keep alive the memory of our Grand Army of the Republic. I wish the people knew, and I keep telling people, no legislation in Washington was passed in the 1800s or even up through probably somewhere around, probably around World War II, without the Grand Army of the Republic approval. Because if they didn't approve it, they didn't pass it.

Commander Daniel Murray: Would you like to address the group?

Department President Mary Catherine Knight: No.

Commander Daniel Murray: Mary?

National Treasurer Mary Flynn: It is like Jackie said, I represent National as well, and we wish you a most productive meeting today, so thank you for allowing us to share this weekend with you and for us it is history being made and for you I am sure it is the same. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you ladies.

The representatives from the Auxiliary are escorted out.

Commander Daniel Murray: We will continue.

Treasurer Edward Norris: As I was saying about my budget problems with Quicken, the spending comparison under expenses, those are the same items if you look at the proposed budget that's in there. You can actually see how much we spent. Even though I don't have the typical nice report of the budget and what we spent, we are pretty close. Big items on this are our National Encampment expense and as you can see above we have a National Encampment offset. What is not in here is a Remembrance Day offset. You know I ruptured my quad, so I was not able to get out and rush to the bank as much as I usually do. That money actually did go in this budget. We got quite a bit back on the Remembrance Day. Do not be concerned about this $3600 there. The same with the Lincoln Day brunch. There is an offset, so we actually took in more income than it shows. The big thing here is the checking, I'm not going to be able to cross it out unless I redo the whole report and put it into Excel. Again, that shouldn't be there, but I have no idea why.

Commander Daniel Murray: Bottom line on the checking?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Right now, the checking account which is on the first page is at $9153.04; that is as of March 31. Usually at the beginning of the month we get anywhere between $1500 and $2200 from Wells Fargo. It is up around $12,000. In the savings we have another $2870.

Commander Daniel Murray: That was set aside for National Encampment, wasn't it?

Treasurer Edward Norris: It might've been, or it was for the flags from years ago and we never took it out. I don't remember exactly why we put that money in there. It has been there for a long time. Are there any questions on the budget? I will update it and put it on Yahoo. At least the first page.

Brother Rod Fraser: I have a question.

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes, Rod.

Brother Rod Fraser: Rod Fraser Camp 5. Based on the things you just said, if you add those in is there still a negative on the budget or does it all balance out?

Treasurer Edward Norris: So, this year it is mostly because of the National Encampment. We have been planning that for three years. Instead of the $28,000 loss it was $2922.73. This is the first time I can remember maybe since the 2008 Encampment that we have had a loss for the year. A lot of it was that we had planned this for three years, so we knew we would take a little bath. If that is all we lost on it, we did pretty good.

Commander Daniel Murray: Kevin?

Council Kevin Tucker: I just want to clarify something. It is not a loss; it is over budget.

Treasurer Edward Norris: It is over budget

Council Kevin Tucker: We have cash on hand to cover the overage?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Yes.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you, Kevin.

Treasurer Edward Norris: If you look at this, that is our Encampment expense and I'm going to round up 31.8k and we took in 23k and we set aside 12k. We still have some merchandise, so it is continuing to go up. We actually spent some on the National Encampment in prior years as well, so we've been planning this out for three years, so we have had expenses in prior years. We still have one bill I just got, it is for the bus which I thought we had already paid. It just recently came.

Council Dexter Bishop: Which bus?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Probably the one, either to the GAR Hall or was out to Boston.

Council Kevin Tucker: What is the amount?

Treasurer Edward Norris: $1200. I was shocked that I just got it. I normally pay with a credit card and I looked it up and we hadn't paid it. I looked through all the statements; we don't have it. They must have just been really slow in billing. We can write out a check dated March 31 so the report is not quite correct, and I don't know what our CPA would think of it. That is the other thing, they are not audits, it is a review. Mark Mueller who is a CPA, he reviewed the previous year's books and we got a good checkmark on it. If we write out a check on last year's budget it would change these numbers. I could write it out, change it and reissue it if that is the wishes of the Department. We have some other expenses….

Commander Daniel Murray: Do you wish to make a motion Dexter?

Council Dexter Bishop: I make a motion that we pay that from last year's budget.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: I'll second that.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there any discussion? Go ahead Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: Other than keeping everything within the same year, is there any advantage to not writing the check now?

Commander Daniel Murray: It is so we don't have to adjust the new budget.

Treasurer Edward Norris: This bill is from NRT Corporation and it was the trip to Long Wharf.

Council Dexter Bishop: So, it was the morning run.

Treasurer Edward Norris: And then drop off at the GAR Museum. It was $700 to Long wharf and it was $500 to the GAR Museum. The Lincoln Day Brunch we collected money. Last year we actually deposited in late February, so it didn't get reflected in this year's. Actually, it got deposited after April 1 so it did get reflected in here, but we brought in $645 for the Lincoln Day Brunch. So, the Lincoln Day Brunch actually cost us $110.

Commander Daniel Murray: There is a motion on the floor. Is there any other discussion? All those in…

ROTC Awards Officer Al Smith: Has any thought ever been given to researching the ability looking at our investment program to see if we can get a higher return rate?

Commander Daniel Murray: That has nothing to do with this motion.

ROTC Awards Officer Al Smith: Okay.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I will address that after this.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any other discussion on this motion? All those in favor say aye. All opposed? Motion passes.

Treasurer Edward Norris: A couple of years ago we had Wells Fargo come in. They made a proposal to manage our money, I forget the percentage but there was no way they're going to come close to what we were making now. We would've actually ended up losing quite a bit of money. So, it made no sense to convert over. I think we had this discussion last year

Unknown: Yes, we did.

Commander Daniel Murray: Part of it I was had to convert some of the CDs, and we were waiting for some of them to come due. One became due today; I actually called him yesterday, but we couldn't do anything with it until today. I have a 10-day grace period and we are going to pull it out and put it into investments. There are three of them in Rockland savings. Those are supposed to be coming out and going into investment accounts.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I also remember asking them when they came out, so you're telling us that if we don't switch over, they wouldn't recommend stocks that we get for consistent dividend yield? They said no we would still do that.

ROTC Awards Officer Al Smith: Some of the articles I have read in the paper I've seen various articles that say 6, 8 or 10% return on investments

Treasurer Edward Norris: There is no guarantee that you will get that. I think they wanted one or 2% for a management fee. I forget what it was but was quite a bit of the total. We get $27,000

from Wells Fargo and I actually think it was a bigger percentage, because it would cut that in half. It didn't make any sense for the total amount we had invested.

Commander Daniel Murray: Since there is no further discussion we will move on to the budget. Department Council.

Brother Rod Fraser: Commander, Rod Fraser Camp 5. Last departmental meeting we had voted to fund the National History Bee at $750. We had not submitted that $750 to Boston Latin School which was the winner. The vote was to sponsor them. They had won the state and we would sponsor them to the National. I would like to inquire if we could make a motion to have that paid out of last year's budget before that budget is closed.

Council Kevin Tucker: I will second that.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed? Motion passes.

Treasurer Edward Norris: The budget, the annual estimated income for next year as of February 28, is not to be $25,070.

Council Kevin Tucker: Commander, I will read these line by line and we will pass it line by line and if anybody has a question raise their hand.

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes Ed.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I would like to make a motion that we accept the budget as proposed.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there a second?

Unknown: Second.

Commander Daniel Murray: We have a second. Is there any discussion?

Council Kevin Tucker: I think we should go line by line because it is important that we know where everything is.

Unknown: We can read.

Commander Daniel Murray: I have a motion on the floor to accept the budget as read. You have it in your hand. All of those in favor say aye. Are there any opposed? Motion passes. Yes, sir.

Brother Rod Fraser: Commander, Brother Rod Fraser Camp 5. I would like to make a proposal. I'm going to pass these around and I am not sure if there are enough for everybody. I would make a motion that we erect a monument to Susie Taylor at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston, Massachusetts. Susie Taylor was the first black US Army nurse. She was from Georgia and she served in the Civil War. I have a copy of her biography. After the Civil War she moved to Boston where she married a man named Russell Taylor. She lived in Boston and was one of the founding members of the Boston chapter of the Woman's Relief Corps. She also wrote a

memoir of her life during the Civil War. The only former slave who was a Civil War nurse to write a memoir. She was very active with the Women's Relief Core and also kept close contact the Boston chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic. She worked as a domestic servant in Boston. She died and was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery. Currently there is no monument to Susie Taylor anywhere nor is there a headstone with her name on it in the cemetery. So, the proposal would be to erect that monument. I have done some research on the monument. The overall cost, which would include the stone, putting up a photograph porcelain on the monument itself plus the lettering that's on the photo to be a total of $7811.25. I also submitted a grant to National which has a monument grant program and they will grant up to $2000 for each project. Because she was a Civil War nurse and not a soldier, we might get rejected based on that, but we will wait until we hear from them and I would be funding from the department $5811.25. I would like to make a motion to vote on the proposal I have made to the Department.

Council Kevin Tucker: Second.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there any discussion? We will start with you and work our way through.

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: Just a question, Rod. Has there been any other funding sources investigated? I would think that there is other…

Unknown: Yes, it is in here. $2000 from National.

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: But beyond that I would think that there are nurses' organizations, there are Auxiliaries and I don't know what other organizations might pay but it would seem to me there might be.

Brother Rod Fraser: I was notified today that the Auxiliary might be interested in participating in this. But I have not had that conversation with them. I did get a call from the Dorchester chapter of the American Legion. They had inquired about doing some kind of a project like this and recognizing this woman. The cemetery then told him that they had heard that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was also working on this. So, then they reached out to me. I told him after I came to this meeting, I would get back to them. Does that answer your question?

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: So, there may be other groups as well such as of the Civil War groups. I just don't know who they are.

Commander Daniel Murray: Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker, Camp 104. The amount that is $7000 is a lot. What I would make is a friendly amendment to that we use the $2800 in savings to begin this fund and look for other sources of revenue in the meantime. That way we have a baseline to start with and we can see what National says and what the American Legion says and also the Auxiliary.

Unknown: Second that motion.

Commander Daniel Murray: Rod, do you accept the friendly amendment?

Brother Rod Fraser: Yes.

Commander Daniel Murray: Discussion?

Treasurer Edward Norris: Do we have written permission that if we make this monument, they are going to place it?

Brother Rod Fraser: Yes, the monument will not be placed directly above her grave because there is actually a small stone there for her husband. The cemetery wants to place it along the road where it is visible to everybody.

Treasurer Edward Norris: Do we have something in writing? Not just verbal.

Brother Rod Fraser: I have emails. I can get it in writing, however.

Treasurer Edward Norris: We have seen other things which said okay. I only brought this up because trying to get a plaque placed in Watertown Square, everything was going great until somebody realized there is interest in this, wanted to get involved and the whole thing fell apart. As long as you have something in writing I am fully in favor of it.

Brother Rod Fraser: I met with the superintendent of the Boston cemeteries. He is a big fan of this project. Last year this woman was inducted into the state of Georgia Hall of Fame for women. There have been some articles written about her recently. There has been a lot of interest in the cemetery, people coming in asking where her grave is. It is not actually marked with her name. Part of the project that I put in, there would be the monument to her and that an additional $700 be used to put her name on the stone that is already there. She does not currently have her name on the stone.

Unknown: Where are we at now?

Commander Daniel Murray: We are voting on $2800.

ROTC Award Officer Al Smith: Since we are voting on $2800, would a grave marker be just as effective for the remembrance of this nurse. If you take a gravestone you would have to put it somewhere else because there is already an existing marker there. A grave marker would be a lot cheaper and I'm sure we could well afford the $2800 we are paying for the marker. I would think we can put it next to her husband's marker. I would think that would be more effective.

Brother Rod Fraser: The answer to that question Commander is there is a marker there to her husband and we cannot move that because the cemetery says that the only people that can actually move a marker would be a family member of which there isn't any so it cannot be moved

ROTC Award Officer Al Smith: Put it next to the husband's grave.

Brother Rod Fraser: It cannot go next to the husband; they would put it at the end of the row. All the stones lined up in that row and the monument would go at the end. Her grave is ten stones in, next to her husband.

Commander Daniel Murray: Paul.

Brother Paul Grady: Paul Grady, have you looked into the Boston Sanitary Commission? They have a lot to do with Red Cross, first aid, everything that Clara Barton started. I would think that with her being a nurse during the war they would also be willing to help you out in this cause.

Brother Rod Fraser: Thank you and I will take that direction from Brother Grady and I will contact the Civil War Sanitary Commission reenactment group also.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you sir. Is there any other discussion? So, the motion is to take the savings account, the balance of the savings account is designated for this memorial. All of those in favor say I. Any opposed? The motion passes. Is there any other new business?

Brother Paul Grady: Paul Grady. The Willie Grout Camp has been pretty busy, to say the least. As I said in my report earlier, I participated in the New England Brigade with the 15th Mass. and I let them know they do a great job in organizing their reenactments, the battlefields because they are terrible with the spectators. I propose that the Camp, SVR would be a welcoming entry for these patrons to these reenactments. So as a spectator you would walk in and you would go through Sons and we would welcome you and tell you about us. It is a great opportunity for recruiting. It would also allow us to tell the spectator about the reenactment and possibly escort them through. It was very well received by the New England Brigade and the 15th Mass. I don't know if this is so much new business as it would be Good for the Order. I was looking for the Departments fly, and I had corresponded with Brother Chambers and Brother Bishop about this and we can't seem to get these flies located. So that is my question, does anyone know where the fly is so that when we set up at a reenactment? We are not reenactors; we are Sons. We want to recruit; we want to retain and so do the reenactment groups. To enhance this, we would want to have the fly, we have our tents, and everything set up.

Unknown: We don't have a fly; we have pop-up tents.

Council Dexter Bishop: The pop-up tent is in the GAR Hall in Lynn.

Brother Paul Grady: OK, we have members and plenty of tents and what have you…

Council Dexter Bishop: But it's there if you want it.

Brother Paul Grady: Okay, the other thing was we were looking at doing a rededication for Charles Devens, General Devens. I believe he is buried in Cambridge at Mount Auburn Cemetery. This would be in 2021 marking his 130th passing. I would really love to see the Department in a rededication for General Devens. Also, we have in 2021 160th of our namesake Willie Grout. We also have General Ward, Brevet General Ward, it would be his 160th. That's not correct it would be 130, Willie Grout would be 160 years since his death in 2021. Devens would be 130 years in 2021 and George Howard Ward 160th would be in 2023. So, these are things that we want to do, these rededications for these men. Also, I have one more thing, we want to have an event on August 18, 2019 on a Sunday to honor Medal of Honor winner Charles Pinkham. This would mark 175 years since his birth. We would love to have the Department involved in this as well. Nationally we should do more to honor our Medal of Honor winners from the Civil War. I also have one question regarding the graves database. I have a lot of old

cemeteries around where I live and this afternoon, I plan on stopping in one. When I get all the names of the Civil War veterans, what do I do with them.

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: I will talk to you at lunch. But in general, put them in the database.

Brother Paul Grady: Okay, I am sure I can gather quite a few.

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: One thing you will find is that about one third have no indication on any tombstone, so you will need some other information.

Brother Paul Grady: So, with the date of birth and the date of death we can pretty well discern if they were of the right age.

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: And then we can do some more research on them. It's easier if you get the wife's name or something like that so we have a clue as to which one it is.

Brother Paul Grady: We also have another event planned. We were planning on doing it this year but kind of fell apart at the last minute, the rededication for Clara Barton, the day of her death. She is one of the most influential women in American history, especially during the Civil War. So, we plan on doing grave rededication next year. We will definitely let everyone know when this is going to be going on. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: What we are going to do, is we have about twenty-five minutes to lunch. Rather than get into nominations and elections we're going to do Good of the Order. We're going to take it a little out of order. Do we have any Good of the Order?

Brother Rod Fraser: Commander, Rod Fraser Camp 5. In the Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston there is a Grand Army of the Republic burial plot. The dedication plaque says, "this lot purchased and monument erected by Encampment Charles Russell Lowell Post 7, Boston Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, dedicated October 29, 1873". I visited the cemetery and the plot is in disrepair. I have photos here which I have submitted to the Department officers online. You can see all the stones; they are misaligned, some of them are broken and it is all crooked. I met with the cemetery superintendent and the cemeteries are short of resources beyond the basics. So, I propose, I have some volunteers already, I put this in the Clarion Call on June 8, we're looking for volunteers to help us straighten those stones in that GAR plot. Once we have got them straight and we will clean them with the biological cleaner, we've used it in other cemeteries. If we have enough volunteers right next to the GAR plot is a section of the cemetery where it is all Civil War veterans. Those don't really need to be straightened as much as they need to be cleaned. We will clean those and if time permits, we can also work on cleaning the stones at the city of Boston Civil War veterans plot. The Boston Civil War veterans plot was the one where the monument was vandalized that you might have read in the paper. The cemetery appropriated funds and hired an outside firm to clean the main monument itself from the vandalism. If anyone or any other Camps are interested in volunteering in helping us on June 8

8th, please contact me.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any other Good of the Order? Paul Grady.

Brother Paul Grady: Paul Grady Camp 25. Our Brother's from Rhode Island, Department of Rhode Island, reached out to me and has congratulated Worcester on receiving the Red Soxs. The Pawtucket Red Sox are going to become the Worcester Red Sox by 2021. They do an annual fundraiser every year with the Red Sox, and once they moved to Worcester, they are going to give me all that contact information and they really hope that the Willie Grout Camp will continue in those fundraising efforts. I think it would be great for the Department to get involved in that as well. Now we have the Massachusetts arena Pirates football team. My wife is involved with them and the owners and I'm hoping to get Color Guard to do openings for games for them and the Red Sox as well.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Camp 104. I want to ask the Brothers; we have talked about the Charlestown Remembrance Day event, which is tomorrow, and they are looking for a headcount for how many people are going to Charlestown tomorrow to participate. Five people, thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: Dexter.

Council Dexter Bishop: Dexter Bishop Camp 22. Upcoming events at the Chelsea Soldiers Home; the date is the Thursday before Memorial Day. It will be a program run by the Soldiers Home. We have been asked to participate in one of the things. They have asked us to place rosemary and read the names of people on the headstones. So, I am looking for volunteers there and if anyone knows where I can get some rosemary.

Commander Daniel Murray: What time?

Council Dexter Bishop: I don't have the time, but it is usually in the morning around 10 or 11 o'clock. Also, on July 25th is their 137th anniversary and again we have been asked to do a program which will be hopefully the vacant chair and also other things. I am looking for help there on that date, July 25th, we need some help there and hopefully the Governor will be there. And then in September we will be doing the dinner here.

Council Kevin Tucker: One more thing that I wanted to mention is the Sunday before Memorial Day in Bourne. Bourne National Cemetery is the only National Cemetery in New England. For years our Department Commander has read General Order Number 11 and we participated in that. Everybody has great ideas of things the Department can get involved in but remember your responsibility is to get involved in department things also. We need people at Bourne National Cemetery. It is the Sunday before Memorial Day, in uniform if possible, if not, jacket and tie. We lead the parade into the cemetery, the parade of all the different veterans' groups. Then we do our own Memorial Day ceremony at the grave of the Civil War unknowns. It is one of our four Department events during the year and is important for people to come if you are able to. You will see an announcement coming up. It is at 1 o'clock on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

We assemble at noon at the front gate and we step off at 1 o'clock. We finish the program about 2:30 and then we go on and do our own ceremonies. So, we're usually out of there by 3 or 3:30 and you should be home for dinner. Anybody that can attend, please do. I think you will enjoy it, It is a great time. And if you are not mobile and cannot march, whatever, you can certainly attend. There are chairs set up.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you Kevin. Is there any other Good of the Order?

Brother Rod Frazier: Commander, Rod Frazier Camp 5. I would just like to point out to all of the Brothers that on this day, April 27, 1822, former GAR member, President of the United States and General of the Army's Ulysses S Grant was born.

Commander Daniel Murray: Thank you. Ed.

Treasure Edward Norris: The Department of Illinois, Department Secretary Steve Aarli sends his greetings from the Department of Illinois.

Commander Daniel Murray: Is there any other Good of the Order? If not, we are going to break for lunch until 1:30 PM. Lunch will be from 12 to 1:30 PM.

Break for lunch

Returned from lunch

Commander Daniel Murray: We're going to go into nominations for officers. Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: Kevin Tucker Camp 104. I'd like to put into nomination for Commander Brother Stuart Chambers, known to most of you as Chip. Chip was originally in Camp 25. He joined the Department back in 2008 when we had our first National Encampment and has been active ever since. In Camp 25 he served in numerous positions including Camp Commanders. He is also a Past Camp Commander of Camp 61. He is a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War 1965 through 1969. He served on the 2018 National Encampment Committee with Dexter, and anything else you want to say good or bad. Chip is one of the active, quality guys, always puts in his time for the Department and I think you would make a great Department Commander, so I nominate Chip Chambers.

Commander Daniel Murray: Chip are you willing to serve if elected?

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Yes.

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any other nominations for Department Commander? Are there any other nominations for Department Commander? Any other nominations for Department command? Nominations are now closed for Department Commander.

Treasure Edward Norris: I'll make a motion that for any uncontested position the Secretary cast one vote.

Council George Maple: I will second that.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor say. Any opposed? Motion passes. Are there any nominations for Senior Vice Commander? Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: I would like to nominate William Naughton as Senior Vice Commander. Using Past Camp Commander of Camp 104. He has done tireless duty graves registration now including the Last Soldier Project I think we are well served; Bill is a former teacher and a current tour guide at the Canterbury Shaker Village. He is wicked smart and would make a good Senior Vice Commander.

Commander Daniel Murray: If elected will you serve?

Junior Vice Commander William Naughton: Yes, I will.

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander? Nominations are closed for Senior Vice Commander. I will now open nominations for Junior Vice Commander. Are there any nominations for Junior Vice Commander?

Brother Paul Grady: Paul Grady Camp 25. I would like to nominate John Dupre, former Camp Commander. He is the current Department Secretary.

Commander Daniel Murray: Brother Dupre if elected will you serve?

Secretary John Dupre: Yes, I will.

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander? Are there any other nominations for Junior Vice Commander? Nominations are closed for Junior Vice Commander. Nominations for Department Secretary. Go ahead Kevin.

Council Kevin Tucker: Commander, I would like to nominate Dan Murray as Department Secretary. Dan has been in this position before. I will now amend that to be Department Secretary / Treasurer. Dan has been in that position before and done an amazing job. He is talented at it and wants to do it and that is 95% of the job. He has served the Department in that capacity before and therefore I nominate Dan Murray.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: (Chip takes the gavel from the Commander) If elected will you serve?

Commander Daniel Murray: Yes, I will.

Senior Vice Commander Stuart Chambers: Are there any other nominations for these positions? Are there any other nominations for these positions? Are there any other nominations for these positions? Nominations are closed. Congratulations.

Commander Daniel Murray: (Takes back gavel from Senior Vice Commander) This year we have two positions open on the Council. Our Council terms are two years and we elect two one

year and one the next. We elected George last year for two years, so now there are two positions open. Any nominations for Department Council?

Council Dexter Bishop: I would like to place in nomination Kevin Tucker as Department Council. Everybody seems to know him; he has always been at the forefront of every controversy you can find and he loves the Order and I'm sure he'll do a fantastic job.

Commander Daniel Murray: Kevin, if elected will you serve?

Council Kevin Tucker: Yes.

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any other nominations for Department Council?

Council Kevin Tucker: I will return the favor to Brother Bishop and nominate him for Department Council. As a Past Department Commander with a lot of experience in running the Organization he's is a tireless worker on behalf of all things Civil War including the GAR Hall, the Roundtable in the Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander Daniel Murray: Dexter, if elected will you serve?

Council Dexter Bishop: Yes.

Commander Daniel Murray: Are there any other nominations for Department Council? Any other nominations for Department Council? Any other nominations for Department Council? Nominations are closed for Department Council. Congratulations. Now we need to elect delegates for National Encampment. We are entitled to seven….

Treasurer Edward Norris: No eight.

Commander Daniel Murray: Seven.

Treasurer Edward Norris: We have one-hundred fifty-two members…

Commander Daniel Murray: One plus one for every twenty-five members which is seven.

Treasurer Edward Norris: I can't count, that's why I gave up Treasurer.

Commander Daniel Murray: We need to put seven delegates on the list for Cleveland this year. We need seven and even if you don't plan to go, we need seven names because if we don't put seven names we can't nominate alternates when we get there. We get the number that we elected. Is there anybody going to Cleveland this year? Put your hand up if you think you're going to Cleveland. The Secretary will write down the names

Council Kevin Tucker: Put your hand down if your name is called.

Secretary John Dupre: Peter Preble, Charlie Lewis, William Naughton, Al Smith, Paul Grady, Edward Knight, Dan Geary, Nathan Knight, Kenneth London, Rich Lufkin and Ian Knight.

Commander Daniel Murray: How many names does that make?

Secretary John Dupre: Eleven.

Commander Daniel Murray: We need twenty-five pieces of paper. Sorry we need someone to count the votes. Maurice Healy, George Maple and Matt Sergeant. Once we get the ballots back, you have to go out and count them. Thank you.

Commander Daniel Murray: While we are waiting for the ballots, we need to elect alternates.

Treasurer Edward Norris: A motion needs to be made that any member in good standing as of today be elected as an alternate.

Council Kevin Tucker: So made.

Unknown: Second.

Commander Daniel Murray: Any discussion? All those in favor say aye. Any opposed? Motion passes. We need to give a response to the women. We will have a five-minute recess to give that response.

Meeting recessed.

Meeting called back to order

Commander Daniel Murray: Now that the ballots are passed out, vote for seven delegates. (Approximately twelve minutes to vote and count ballots). They are going to read the top seven.

Council George Maple: Peter Preble, Charles Lewis, William Naughton , Al Smith, Paul Grady, Edward Knight and Daniel Geary.

Commander Daniel Murray: That pretty much finishes nominations and elections. Everything else is appointed and Chip will give you the list. I will turn the gavel over to Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Edward Norris.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Edward Norris: Commander Murray, in relieving you of the Command of this Department on behalf of the Officers, I convey to you their thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the Command of this Department your interests in the welfare of this Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which your fellow members can bestow upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left. Commander-elect are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? If so, the Guide will hand your list to the Secretary. Secretary call the role of Officers-Elect and Staff Appointees who, as their names are called, will rise.

Secretary John Dupre: Department Commander Stuart Chip Chambers, Senior Vice Commander William Naughton, Junior Vice Commander John Dupre, Council member Kevin Tucker, Council member Dexter Bishop, Secretary/Treasurer Daniel Murray, Patriotic Instructor Kenneth London, Chaplain Peter Preble, Graves Registration Officer William Naughton, Historian Peter Preble, Eagle Scout coordinator Ian Knight, Counselor Kevin Tucker, GAR Highway Officer George Maple, ROTC Awards Officer Al Smith, Guide Charles Lewis, Color Bearer Edward Knight and Clarion Call Editor Rod Fraser.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Edward Norris: Brothers these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him now speak or forever hold his peace. Brother Lewis, act as Guide and present these Brothers before the Altar, for installation. Officers you have been selected to positions of great honor and trust. With the Commander you will be responsible for the financial and material prosperity and interests of this Department and the members of this Encampment confidently expect that your discharge of the duties and responsibilities resting upon you will be conspicuous for zeal, ability and good works. I trust that you appreciate the great confidence placed in you and that you remember that upon the manner in which you discharge the duties of your respective offices will depend very largely the success or failure of the administration of your Department. Are you now willing to pledge solemnly to the faithful performance of your several duties?

Elected and Appointed Officers: I am.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Edward Norris: You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine: I Edward Norris, having been regularly chosen as an Officer of the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby renew the sacred obligation given at the time of my initiation, and in the presence of Almighty God and the members of this Encampment here assembled to furthermore solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will to the best of my ability, in word and deed, and without fear or favor, faithfully, honestly and impartially perform all the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, so help me God. You may drop your hands. Encampment. Attention. Guide, conduct the Officers to their respective stations, acting Officers vacating Commander. By the votes of the members of this Encampment you have been elected to the highest honor within their gift. Your election to this honorable position is an evidence not only of their regard and appreciation of your work and ability as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, but it is an assurance that your conduct of the affairs of this Department will be characterized by faithful, earnest and conscientious devotion to the responsibilities resting upon you. Grave trusts and grave cares await you, and to their faithful performance I now most solemnly direct you. As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will ask his assistance and guidance.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them your wisdom that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that thou art ever watching over them. Keep them in good health that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with your great mercies that they may be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action in your name through the mediation of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Edward Norris: Commander, your Officers are now at their respective stations and I am about to place you in full control. But first I give to your care the Charter of this Department. Prize for the privileges it bestows and guard it sacredly for the filial heritage it represents. Next, I place in your care the Ritual of our Order and a copy of the

Constitution and Regulations for the government of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, both of which I advise you to study with care, to be true to its principles and faithful to its teachings. Lastly, you will receive this gavel, the emblem of your authority. One rap calls the Encampment to order and seats the same when standing; two raps calls the Officers to their feet; three raps calls up the entire Encampment. And now, by the virtue of the authority invested in me, as the Installing Officer of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this Department legally elected, and installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending April 30, 2020, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed. Now, I am pleased to present you with the badge of the Office of Department Commander. Commander assume your command. Be true to your vow, faithful to your trust, unflinching in your loyalty and rule with civility, impartiality and firmness, and may your administration be successful. (Department Commander badge is pinned on Stuart Chambers) Congratulations.

Commander Stuart Chambers: While you're still standing, I would like to thank you for your support. I've had some great leadership behind me, and I hope to follow suit. The next 12 months I'm going to hope that each of you can bring in one person. I'm not asking for five or six, just one person over the next twelve months, and as you do so I would like each one of you to put your name and whoever you recruited so we can put it in the Clarion Call. That gentleman will take the information and if we can do that over the next twelve months, we can double our membership here. So that is a challenge I give you which includes myself. I'm going to work hard to get one, too. The other thing I wanted to mention is Dexter has been involved with Project New Hope and I hope we continue to support that effort as well. Being a veteran myself I think it's a great organization. Thank you all. There being no further business to come before this Encampment, we will proceed to close. You will give attention while the Chaplain asks the blessing of God on our deliberations.

Chaplain Peter Preble: Let us pray. Our Father in heaven, we pray you will deal with the events of this meeting as you deem proper and fitting. Please answer the heartfelt prayers of each one of us as permitted in your perfect will. Preserve us in health, strength and integrity while we remain here, and when our mission on earth is ended, take us to a better world. Amen.

Commander Stuart Chambers: Brothers, we're about to leave this Encampment to retire to our respective homes. Let us regulate our conduct so as to bring honor and credit upon the great patriotic organization we represent. May we be faithful to our vows, mindful of our duties and exhibit toward each other an unbroken fraternity, a tender charity, an unswerving loyalty. Color Bearer, attend to the Altar and station banners. I now declare the 137th Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ROLL CALL

April 27, 2019

Commander	Daniel W Murray	present
Senior Vice Commander	Stuart Chambers	present
Junior Vice Commander	William Naughton	present
Council 1	Kevin P Tucker	present
Council 2	Dexter A Bishop	present
Council 3	George E Maple	present
Secretary	John Dupre	present
Treasurer	Edward Norris PDC	present
Patriotic Instructor	Kenneth London	present
Chaplain	Peter Preble	present
Historian	Peter Preble	present
Color Bearer	vacant	
Guard	vacant	
Guide	Charles Lewis	present
Counselor	Kevin P Tucker	present
Civil War Memorial Officer	Edward Norris PDC	present
Graves Registration Officer	William Naughton PCC	present
Eagle Scout Award Officer	Edward Knight	present
ROTC Officer	Albert Smith	present
GAR Highway Officer	George Maple PDC	present
Department Organizer	Edward Norris PDC	present
Signals Officer	Jack T Manning	absent
Newsletter Editor	Roderick Fraser	present

137 Annual Department Encampment

	CAMP	DC	CC	PDC	PCC	DEL	VISIT	Total
Bishop, Dexter	5			1				
Borden, Robert							1	
Chambers, Stuart	61				1			
Cultrera, Richard	22					1		
Dupre, John	25				1			
Fraser, Roderick	5					1		
Geary, Daniel	104					1		
Grady, Paul	25		1					
Hayes, Donald	61				1			
Healy, Maurice	25				1			
Jabagorian, Van	26					1		
Knight, Edward	15		1					
Knight, Nathaniel	15					1		
Knight, Iain	15					1		
Lewis, Charles	22		1					
London, Kenneth	104				1			
Lufkin, Richard	25					1		
Maple, George	25			1				
Murray, Daniel	104	1						
Naughton ,William	104				1			
Norris, Edward	25			1				
Preble, Peter	50					1		
Rice, Michael	26		1					
Sargent, Matt	25					1		
Smith, Albert	5					1		
Tucker, Kevin	104			1				
		1	4	4	6	10	1	26

Monthly Spending Comparison - 2019

4/1/2018 through 3/31/2019

Category	4/1/2018-3/31/2019	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Dept. Encampment Cost Offset	791.00	791.00
Interest Inc	849.80	849.80
National Encampment Offset	23,007.00	23,007.00
FROM Wells Fargo Advisors	25,425.84	25,425.84
TOTAL INCOME	**50,073.64**	**50,073.64**
EXPENSES		
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00
Department Encampment Cost	4,905.27	4,905.27
Department Officers Expenses	996.93	996.93
Depot Rent Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00
Dept. Officers Bond	247.00	247.00
Dept. Officers Meeting Expense	33.24	33.24
Fees & Charges	0.00	0.00
Fund Payment	46.57	46.57
Gifts & Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00
Good of the Order	4,180.89	4,180.89
LIncoln Brunch	757.86	757.86
Merchandise Sales Expense	76.17	76.17
Miscellaneous Expense Fund	728.70	728.70
National Encampment Delegate Travel	938.71	938.71
National Encampment Expense	31,795.17	31,795.17
Per Capitia Dues	-128.50	-128.50
Remembrance Day Trip	3,648.68	3,648.68
Secretary Office Expense	55.60	55.60
Treasurer Office Expense	2,714.08	2,714.08
TO Checking	25,425.84	25,425.84
TOTAL EXPENSES	**78,422.21**	**78,422.21**
OVERALL TOTAL	**-28,348.57**	**-28,348.57**

Account Balances - As of 3/31/2019

Account	3/31/2019 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Arnold W. Coppenhagen Fund	47,082.26
Charles F. Ellis Fund	17,289.48
Checking	9,153.04
George C. Marshall Fund	13,999.28
Loring Fund	22,530.92
Margaretha Myers Fund	14,089.13
Permanent Fund - 1361	29,035.14
Permanent Fund - 6664	9,311.05
Permanent Fund - 8241	31,787.11
Robert and Ethel Wood Fund	27,044.52
Savings	2,864.70
TOTAL Bank Accounts	**224,186.63**
Cash Accounts	
Wells Fargo Advisors	675,778.86
TOTAL Cash Accounts	**675,778.86**
OVERALL TOTAL	**899,965.49**

Department of Massachusetts
Proposed Budget 2019-2020

CATEGORY		PROPOSED	PASSED
Dept. Depot Rent		**$1,000**	_____
Dept. Web Site Hosting		**$175**	_____
Dept. Encampment		**$2,000**	_____
Dept. Officers Meetings		**$1,000**	_____
Lincoln Birthday Brunch		**$500**	_____
Benjamin Butler Ceremony		**$100**	_____
Other Dept. Sponsored Events		**$1,000**	_____
Dept. Secretary Office		**$500**	_____
Dept. Treasurer Office		**$2,900**	_____
Annual CPA Review	*$2,050*		
Office Supplies	*$350*		
Tax Form Preparation	*$500*		
Total Dept. Treasurer Office	*$2,900*		
Dept. Officers Bond		**$300**	_____
Dept. Officers Travel		**$3,500**	_____
Dept. Commander	*$1,500*		
Dept. SVC	*$500*		
Dept. JVC	*$500*		
Dept. Secretary	*$500*		
Dept. Treasurer	*$250*		
Dept. Chaplain	*$250*		
Total Dept. Officers Travel	*$3,500*		
Dept. Delegate Travel to National Encampment		**$3,000**	_____
Remembrance Day Trip		**$3,000**	_____
Flag Holders		**$1,500**	_____
Dept. Colors Maintenance & Equipment		**$300**	_____
Good of the Order		**$5,500**	_____
Chelsea Soldiers Home	*$2,500*		
Holyoke Soldiers Home	*$500*		
Eagle Scout Awards	*$150*		
ROTC Awards	*$150*		
Headstone Placement and Cleani	*$800*		
Recruiting	*$700*		
Geneology Research	*$200*		
Other Good of the Order	*$500*		
Total Good of the Order	*$5,500*		
Podcasts		**$150**	_____
Wreaths Across America Sponsorship		**$250**	_____
Miscellaneous		**$1,000**	_____
			_____
			_____
			_____
TOTAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSES		**$27,675**	_____

Accepted 4-27-19

26 April 2019

The Department of Massachusetts has accomplished a lot in the last year. The Department has been supporting a Camp along with programming at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. This past year the Department has been asked by the Superintendent of the Holyoke Soldiers Home if it would be possible to start a program in like we have in Chelsea. The Department is in the process of seeing if it is possible to place a Camp in Holyoke.

The biggest event for the Department was hosting the National Encampment this past August in Framingham. It was held at the Sheraton Tara. I want to express my overwhelming gratitude and thanks for the amazing job to the Host Committee at the National Encampment. They have worked tirelessly over the last three years to try to make this the best National Encampment ever held. Most everyone I talked following the Encampment said it was the best they can remember attending. The Department owes a debt of gratitude to the people who helped to plan and everyone who helped with their assigned tasks to pull this off. I would like to thank all who worked on this committee for all the ideas, hours of planning, attendance at meetings, carrying out assigned tasks, and working together so well.

The Department also hosted a fund-raising dinner for Project New Hope. The goal of Project New Hope is to assist individuals and families in dealing with combat stress so they can enjoy a healthy and prosperous lifestyle. In conjunction with Grotonwoods they host individual and family retreats and counselling at no cost to the veteran. The Department raised over $2000.00 for Project New Hope this year. There was also an awards dinner this past year where Dexter Bishop was given an award for the help he has given to Project New Hope.
The Department also participated in or hosted the following events; Charlestown Civil War Memorial program, Memorial Day services at Bourne National Cemetery, Veterans parade in Lynn, General Butler Memorial Service, Remembrance Day at Gettysburg, Chelsea Soldiers Home Christmas party, and the Lincoln Brunch.

In closing I would like to thank all of the Department Officers for the fine job they have done over the last two years in helping to run the Department. I would also like to thank the Brothers who worked to make all the Department programs a success.

Daniel W Murray, Commander
Department of Massachusetts

Accepted
4-27-2019

Junior Vice Commander's Report
Department of Massachusetts
Encampment 2019

Since the previous Encampment, the Junior Vice Commander has 1) researched the genealogy of prospective members to help them establish their lineage to qualify for hereditary membership, 2) helped prospective members decide which of our Camps to join based on their locations and published meeting times, and 3) referred 7 applications received from National to the Camps of the applicant's choice for action.

I want to thank Camp Commanders for their follow-ups to these referrals and hope their Camps are benefitting from the new members.

When the new JVC-in charge was elected at last year's Encampment, he began looking for a way to standardize the on-line application process and the application fee structure. While not yet completed, this standardization may speed up the process so Camps will be able to "pounce" more quickly on potential members showing interest. During this is an ongoing process he has engaged all Dept Junior Vice Commanders in the discussion looking for the best course of action; I'm sure more will follow.

I would like to make all Camps aware of work done by the Department of Michigan to survey and report "best practices" for new member recruitment and member retention. Maybe to summarize, their report basically shows that "to GROW our Order, we've got to SHOW our Order". I've have a copy for each Camp if the JVC or Camp Commander sees me during a break; hopefully their report will generate some discussion then examination of what we currently do.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Naughton

Secretary's Report 2019

April 25, 2019

20 Brigham St.

Hudson, MA 01749

Accepted
4-27-2019

Commander Murray,

First I want to apologize for not submitting a written report at last year's encampment.

As of this date all of the Department reports required by National since the last encampment have been submitted on time.

Since the last encampment one camp was suspended for failure to submit Form 27 the Camp Annual Report. The report was submitted in May and the camp was duly reinstated.

Two of ten camps have not submitted Form 22 Certification of Elections. The two camps have reported otherwise that they have had no changes in membership or elected officers.

~~Four~~ 6 of ten camps have submitted Form 27 Annual Camp Report with Per Capita payment this includes the two camps that did not submit Form 22. Annual Reports are due by April 30th.

The Department strength stands at 157 which includes 132 Members and 25 Associates. This includes 5 dual Members.

Regarding General Order 18 Revision to By Laws. Only 3 Camps have submitted Revised By Laws. By Laws revisions must be received from all camps by May 31, 2019. The Department by-laws must be revised by June 30, 2019. The Department Commander must file a report to the National Treasurer that all camps are compliant by June 30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

John Dupré, Secretary

Graves Registration Officer

Department of Massachusetts

Report to the 2019 Encampment

Accepted 4-27-2019

Since the last Department Encampment and through the efforts of Brothers and several interested non-members, at least 155 Civil War veterans were added to the SUVCW National Graves Registration database along with their burial sites. At the risk of missing someone, I do want to mention Brothers Dan Geary and Matthew Sargent for their efforts; additionally, I know that several Camps have canvassed cemeteries looking for veterans to add.

At present there are registered 30,790 CW veterans buried in Massachusetts cemeteries. That is an impressive number and is a tribute to members of our Order as well as interested non-members that so much has been done! But, when one realizes that 102,252 men served in Massachusetts service or in Federal service credited to Massachusetts, one realizes that there is still much work to do....

On another topic, the Department currently has an inventory of 41 GAR grave markers; it seems that foundries who produce these grave markers use tooling for GAR markers and no longer produce the "Veteran 1861-65" markers they used to be able to supply. If anyone becomes aware of a source for non-GAR veteran markers for CW veterans, please let me know. Any Camp that will use any of the available markers, let me know at a break.

Another initiative of SUVCW is to identify the last surviving Civil War veteran in each county, and then in the state. Brother Matt Sargent has been working on this in central Massachusetts and has forwarded some of his findings; Camp 104 is working on towns in Middlesex County as well. When identified, these veterans can be recognized via ceremonies and celebrations in their towns. Looking ahead, certainly the Sons should put ourselves in a position to benefit from the good publicity, interest and excitement that will be generated from this effort.

Finally, let me offer any help I can for finding and registering the graves of the boys in blue to any Camp or individual Brother- just let me know.

Accepted
4-27-2019

Eagle Scout Coordinator 2019 Report

Since being appointed to this position for this current term, 6 Eagle Scout Commendation packages have been awarded in the past year. All six were presented by myself and includes our own Iain Knight of L. A. Tifft Camp 15.

Respectfully submitted,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Edward T. Knight
Eagle Scout Coordinator
Dept. Of Mass.
SUVCW

Accepted
4-27-2019

Department of Massachusetts

GAR Highway Officer Report

There was no sign when you enter Massachusetts on 6E from Rhode Island.

On 6 East, I was able to locate 11 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern end of the highway.

On 6 West, I was able to locate 12 GAR Memorial Highway markers, including the sign in Provincetown marking the Eastern beginning of the highway. The additional sign on 6 West is on the Sagamore Bridge.

Several of the signs are not easy to spot as they are behind poles or foliage. A few towns have markers for both directions on the same side or in the center of the highway, making it harder to spot them unless you are looking for them.

Two towns have markers memorializing the highway for other groups.

Fairhaven has signs indicating it is Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial Highway.

Barnstable has signs indicating it is the Korean War Veterans Highway.

These are both worthy groups and I do not believe we should fight to remove the signs that they have put up.

I plan on adding a Facebook page for the GAR Highway in Massachusetts as the Department of Iowa has done.

Submitted April 27, 2019

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

George Maple, PDC

From: Roderick J Fraser Jr., Gen Lander Camp No. 5

To: Officers and Council, Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Subj: Proposal to erect a monument to Susie Taylor at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston, MA.

Susie Taylor, the first African American US Army Nurse, tended to African American Union soldiers during the Civil War. Her biography is attached. Susie was laid to rest with her husband and her name was never placed on the stone, nor is there any commemorative marker or memorial to Susie in the cemetery.
I spoke with the Superintendent of Cemeteries and he stated that there has been increased interest in Susie Taylor in the last few years. She was inducted into the Georgia Women of Achievement in 2018.
I visited the plot on January 8th, 2019. There is a stone with only her husband's name engraved (photo attached). The Superintendent of Cemeteries said that we could place a memorial to Susie near where she is buried but we could not remove the current stone. We could, if we wanted, have her name engraved on the current stone.

Recommendation:
Erect a memorial to Susie at the cemetery that notes her life and accomplishments and have her name engraved on the current stone.
Submit a grant request to the Civil War Memorial/Monument Fund (max grant $2,000.00)

Cost of project:
Monument pricing as follows:

Granite Monument	7111.25
Lettering on gravestone	700
Total	7811.25
Minus grant	2000
Total to Dept of MA	**5811.25**

The stone base would be 3 ft X 1 Ft . The stone would be 2.5 ft X 2.5 ft X 8 inches
Pricing includes engraving of stone and porcelain photo.

Submitted,
Respectfully

Roderick Fraser

Roderick Fraser

Susie King Taylor

Accepted
4-27-19

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

INCORPORTATED BY ACT OF 83RD CONGRESS

PUBLIC LAW 605 AUG. 20,1954

L.A. TIFFT CAMP #15

SPRINGFIELD, MA

2018-2019 Annual report

April 26,2019

The Camp attended or participated in the following events:

- 3 members attended the 2018 Dept Encampment
- The Camp held Memorial day services @ Riverside Cemetery, Sunderland MA
- Members attended Memorial Day Services in various communities including but not limited to Belchertown and Ware
- Members Presented the colors at the Belchertown Little League on Memorial Day
- Camp Members attended Veteran's Day services in both Belchertown and Ware

The Camp has spent extensive time and provided training to BSA Trp 57's Honor/Color Guard. This unit is filling the gap in Belchertown as the members of both VFW Post 8428 and American Legion Post 239 are aging and unable to provide Color Guards to fill those needs within the town.

- All Camp meetings were held in conjunction with Aux 10.

- Through the year, the Camp Commander provided Taps at as many funerals for veterans as he could fit into his schedule including the services of 2 members of Camp 15.
- Camp 15 Assisted Aux 10 during their services for L. A. Tifft's own PNP Barbara Mayberry at the time of her passing.
- Camp 15 assisted by Trp 57 BSA dedicated a monument to Union nurse Elizabeth Weatherall in Ware MA.
- Trp 57 elevated 6 Scouts to the Rank of Eagle including Camp 15's own JVC, Iain Knight, all of whom have assisted Camp 15 at one time or another

Respectfully Submitted

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Edward T Knight
Camp Commander

Accepted 4-27-2019

Annual Report to the Department Encampment: Charles H. Bond Camp 104
04/27/2019
In 2018 under Commander Ken London, Camp 104 participated in many of its annual activities including the following:

- Remembrance ceremonies for Charles H. Bond and PDC Frank Tucker
- Flagging of 267 graves of Civil War Veterans in Wakefield for Memorial Day
- Hosted a recruiting table at Wakefield's Heritage Day
- Participated in Department events such as the Lincoln Brunch and Gettysburg trip

Other activities and efforts included:

- Served in a variety of roles to support the National Encampment hosted by this Department
- Recorded a total of 96 previously unregistered graves from Melrose, North Reading, ~~and~~ Danvers, and Salem.

Respectfully submitted,
John Wilder
Camp Commander

ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION
Registration for the SUVCW will begin on Friday afternoon. Preregistration will be $5.00 per Member. $10.00 at the door.

Friday night dinner will be at 6:00PM

DEPARTMENT CAMPFIRE
The Encampment will kick off with our annual Department Campfire at 7:00 PM, on Friday, April 26th. Light refreshments will be served.

Breakfast will start at 7:30AM

JOINT OPENING and MEMORIAL SERVICE
The S.U.V.C.W. and A.S.U.V.C.W. will hold its annual Joint Opening and Memorial Service on Saturday, April 27th, at 8:30 AM

BUSINESS SESSIONS
The first business session will be held immediately following the Memorial Service and will continue until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 27th. The second business session will be held from 1:30 PM until 5:00 PM, or until the conclusion of the Installation of Department Officers.

S.U.V.C.W. LUNCHEON
The Department luncheon will be held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 27th, and will feature a buffet lunch. Tickets are $10.00 per person.

ENCAMPMENT BANQUET
The annual Encampment Banquet will be held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Saturday evening, April 21st. Tickets for the Banquet are $15.00 per person

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers
Form 49 – Rev. November 2011
(Send to National Headquarters at SUVCW National HQ, 1 Lincoln Circle at Reservoir Park, Suite 240 (Nat'l Civil War Museum Bldg.), Harrisburg PA 17103-2411, within 30 days of installation of Officers – Retain duplicate for Department Records)

From the Department of Massachusetts EIN _____ to National Executive Director, National Headquarters.

At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Groton Woods, Groton MA

On the 27 day of April, 2019 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Street/PO Box	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	E-Mail
Department Commander: tuart Chambers	168 Newbury St	Framingham	MA	01701	508 872-316	chipsravensn
Senior Vice Commander: /illiam Naughton	7 Sawickie Lane	Belmont	NH	03220	508 872-316	billsland@aol
unior Vice Commander: ohn J Dupre	20 Brigham St	Hudson	MA	01749	978 562-531	jdupre5962@
Council Member 1: evin P Tucker	58 Forest St	Wakefield	MA	01880	617 678-600	ktsuv@outloo
Council Member 2: exter A Bishop	387 Old Boston Rd	Topsfield	MA	01983	978-471-079	genord9@cor
Council Member 3: eorge E Maple	50 Vernon St Apt1L	Worcester	MA	01610	508 756-880	gmaplejr@gm
Secretary: aniel W Murray	40 Lake Rd	Brentwood	NH	03833	603-347-172	d_lmurray@y
Treasurer: aniel W Murray	40 Lake Rd	Brentwood	NH	03833	603-347-172	d_lmurray@y
Patriotic Instructor: enneth London	630 Commercial St	Braintreef	MA	02184	781 848-840	kenlondon@c
Chaplain: eter Preble	20 Crosby St	Quincy	MA	02189	508 864-809	rev.peter.preb
Graves Registration Officer: /illiam Naughton	7 Sawickie Lane	Belmont	NH	03220	508 872-316	billsland@aol
Historian: eter Preble	20 Crosby St	Quincy	MA	02189	508 864-809	rev.peter.preb
Civil War Memorials Officer:						
Eagle Scout Coordinator: ain Knight	50 Eskett Rd	Belchertown	MA	01007	413 323-739	ed-mary@ms
Counselor:						
GAR Highway Officer: eorge Maple	50 Vernon St Apt1L	Worcester	MA	01610	508 756-880	gmaplejr@gm
Department Organizer:						

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Office: Albert Smith	11 Poplar St	Belmont	MA	02478	617 484-561	ohjudyoh@yal
Office: Charles Lewis	91 Crest St	Chelsea	MA	02150		lewischarles@
Office:						
Office:						

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Peter Preble	Quincy	MA	02189	Daniel Geary	Danvers	MA	01923
Charles Lewis	Chelsea	MA	02150				
William Naughton	Belmont	NH	03220				
Albert Smith	Belmont	MA	02478				
Paul Grady	Hubbardstown	MA	01452				
Edward Knight	Belchertown	MA	01007				

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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (*Do NOT include deceased.*)

Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip Code	Name (First, Middle, Last)	City	State	Zip
Robert H. Knight	Feeding Hills	MA	01030	Dexter Bishop	Topsfield	MA	01983
John W. Bates	Melrose	MA	02176	Daniel W Murray	Brentwood	NH	03833
Perley Mellor	Nashua	NH	03062				
Kevin P Tucker	Wakefield	MA	01880				
George Maple Jr	Worcester	MA	01610				
Edward Norris	Lancaster	MA	01523				

SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date:	Installing Officer:	Department Secretary:	Department Commander:	National Executive Director:
4/27/2019	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
Printed Name:	Edward J. Norris	DANIEL W MURRAY	Stuart H. Chambers	

Date received at National Headquarters: _____

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

LANCASTER, MA 01523

February 15, 2020

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Mark S. Mueller, CPA
1205 Central Street
Leominster, MA 01453

We are providing this letter in connection with your reviews of the financial statements of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass Dept., which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets – cash basis as of March 31, 2019 and 2018 and for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements for the purpose of obtaining limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether you are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of February 15, 2020, the following representations made to you during your reviews:

1. We acknowledge out responsibility and have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, as set out in the terms of the engagement.

2. We have made available to you all:

    a. Financial records and related data, which we are aware, that are relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

    b. Minutes of the meetings of trustees, board of directors, and committees of directors (or other similar bodies, as applicable), or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

    c. Additional information you have requested from us for the purpose of the review.

    d. Unrestricted access to organization personnel from whom you determined it necessary to obtain review evidence.

3. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.

4. All material transactions have been recorded and have been properly reflected in the financial statements.

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5. There are no uncorrected misstatements.

6. We acknowledge and have fulfilled our responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

7. We acknowledge our responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

8. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have significant role in internal control, or others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements, including any communications from employees, former employees, or others.

9. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements as a whole communicated by employees, former employees, volunteers, regulators, or others.

10. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Organization's related parties and all the related-party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

11. We have no plans or intentions that any materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or net asset balances.

12. The following have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements:

    a. Related party transactions including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.

    b. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the organization is contingently liable.

    c. Commitments to purchase or sell investments or agreements to repurchase assets previously sold.

    d. Significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with FASB 275, *Risks and Uncertainties.*

13. There are no-

    a. Known or suspected instances of noncompliance with laws or regulations whole effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.

    b. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with FASB ASC 450, *Contingencies,* and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.

    c. Other material liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by FASB ASC 450, *Contingencies.*

14. The Organization has satisfactory title of all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged.

15. There are no designations of net assets that were not properly authorized and approved or reclassifications of net assets that have not been properly reflected in the financial statements.

16. We have complied with all restrictions on resources (including donor restrictions) and all aspects of contractual and grant agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance. This includes complying with donor requirements to maintain a specific asset composition necessary to satisfy their restrictions.

17. We believe significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable in the circumstances.

18. We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries, if any, you have recommended, and they have been posted to the Organization's accounts.

19. We have disclosed to you all information relevant to the use of the going concern assumption in the financial statements.

20. No events have occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.

21. We have responded fully and truthfully to all inquiries made to us by you during your review.

22. In regard to the financial statement preparation services performed by you, we have:
    - Assumed all management responsibilities
    - Designated an individual (within senior management) who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
    - Evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed.
    - Accepted responsibility for the results of the services

23. In regard to the tax preparation services performed by you, we have:
    - Assumed all management responsibilities
    - Designated an individual (within senior management) who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
    - Evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed.
    - Accepted responsibility for the results of the services

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Treasurer

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Date

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May 21, 2019

To the Board of Directors of
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War Mass Dept
Brentwood NH, 03833-6206

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass. Dept. for the year ended March 31, 2019.

You have requested that we prepare the annual financial statements of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass. Dept. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of March 31, 2019, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and perform a review engagement with respect to those financial statements.

Our Responsibilities

The objective of our engagement is to–

1) prepare financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting based on information provided by you, and

2) obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

We will conduct our review engagement in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA and comply with applicable professional standards, including the AICPA's *Code of Professional Conduct* and its ethical principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care, when preparing the financial statements and performing the review engagement.

A review engagement includes primarily applying analytical procedures to your financial data and making inquiries of management. A review engagement is substantially less in scope than an audit engagement, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. A review engagement does not contemplate obtaining an understanding of the entity's internal control; assessing fraud risk; testing accounting records by obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence through inspection, observation,

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confirmation, or the examination of source documents; or other procedures ordinarily performed in an audit engagement. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion regarding the financial statements.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to identify or disclose any financial statement misstatements, including those caused by fraud or error, or to identify or disclose any wrongdoing within the entity or noncompliance with laws and regulations. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors and any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures that indicates fraud may have occurred. In addition, we will inform you of any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures regarding noncompliance with laws and regulations that may have occurred, unless they are clearly inconsequential. We have no responsibility to identify and communicate deficiencies or material weaknesses in your internal control as part of this engagement.

We, in our sole professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities since performing those procedures or taking such action would impair our independence.

Your Responsibilities

The engagement to be performed is conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand that our role is to prepare financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for the statements to be in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. You have the following overall responsibilities that are fundamental to our undertaking the engagement in accordance with SSARS:

1) The selection of the cash basis of accounting as the financial reporting framework to be applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

2) The preparation and fair presentation of financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and the inclusion of all informative disclosures that are appropriate for the cash basis of accounting.

3) The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

4) The prevention and detection of fraud.

5) To ensure that the entity complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities.

6) The accuracy and completeness of the records, documents, explanations, and other information, including significant judgments, you provide to us for the engagement.

7) To provide us with–

- access to all information of which you are aware is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.

- additional information that we may request from you for the purpose of the review engagement.

- unrestricted access to persons within the entity of whom we determine it necessary to make inquiries.

8) To provide us, at the conclusion of the engagement, with a letter that confirms certain representations made during the review.

You are also responsible for all management decisions and responsibilities and for designating an individual with suitable skills, knowledge, and experience to oversee our preparation of your financial statements. You are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and results of the services performed and accepting responsibility for such services.

Our Report

We will issue a written report upon completion of our review of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass. Dept.'s financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the board of directors of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass Dept. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified accountant's review report will be issued. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to report known departures from the cash basis of accounting, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the review of your financial statements, we will not issue a report on such statements as a result of this engagement.

You agree to include our accountant's review report in any document containing financial statements that indicates such financial statements have been reviewed by us and, prior to inclusion of the report, to ask our permission to do so.

Other Services

We will prepare the Federal Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Federal Income Tax) for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass. Dept. for the year ending March 31, 2019.

Our Relevant Information

Mark Mueller is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

We estimate that our fees for these services will not exceed $2,100 for the review and $525 for preparation of Federal Form 990. The fee

estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the work performed. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation.

You agree to hold us harmless and release, indemnify, and defend us from any liability costs, including attorney's fees, resulting from management's knowing misrepresentations to us.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Mueller, CPA

Acknowledged:
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass. Dept.

Treasurer

Date

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CASH BASIS
WITH
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2019 AND 2018

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Sons of Union Veterans of
the Civil War Mass Dept
Brentwood, NH 03833-6206

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - cash basis as of March 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets - cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note B of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting priciples generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with repect to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Mueller CPA
February 15, 2020

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
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STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

MARCH 31,

ASSETS

	2019	2018
Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 12,018	$ 14,785
Investments at Fair Market Value	921,271	771,823
Investments at Fair Market Value - Restricted	141,987	141,987
Total Assets	$ 1,075,276	$ 928,595

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions	$ 933,289	$ 786,608
With Donor Restrictions	141,987	141,987
Total Net Assets	1,075,276	928,595
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	$ 1,075,276	$ 928,595

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues:			
Membership Fees	$ 23,927	$ -	$ 23,927
Dividend and Interest Income	26,623	305	26,928
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	60,744	-	60,744
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	88,418	-	88,418
Total Revenues and Gains	199,712	305	200,017
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	305	(305)	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains	200,017	-	200,017
Expenses:			
National Membership Fees	31,795	-	31,795
Encampment Expense	4,905	-	4,905
Good of the Order	4,181	-	4,181
Rememberance Day	3,649	-	3,649
Travel	1,936	-	1,936
Meetings	791	-	791
Miscellaneous	1,062	-	1,062
Management and General			
Rent	1,000	-	1,000
Donations	1,000	-	1,000
Insurance	247	-	247
Office Expense	170	-	170
Professional Fees	2,600	-	2,600
Total Expenses	53,336	-	53,336
Change in Net Assets	146,681	-	146,681
Net Assets Beginning of Year	786,608	141,987	928,595
Net Assets End of Year	$ 933,289	$ 141,987	$1,075,276

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2018

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues:			
Membership Fees	$ 1,033	$ -	$ 1,033
Dividend and Interest Income	25,698	1,091	26,789
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	-	-	-
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	(5,287)	-	(5,287)
Total Revenues and Gains	21,444	1,091	22,535
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	1,091	(1,091)	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Gains	22,535	-	22,535
Expenses:			
National Membership Fees	3,823	-	3,823
Encampment Expense	2,087	-	2,087
Good of the Order	3,336	-	3,336
Rememberance Day	3,000	-	3,000
Travel	4,036	-	4,036
Meetings	1,165	-	1,165
Miscellaneous	1,085	-	1,085
Management and General			
Rent	1,000	-	1,000
Donations	-	-	-
Insurance	247	-	247
Office Expense	726	-	726
Professional Fees	2,550	-	2,550
Total Expenses	23,055	-	23,055
Change in Net Assets	(520)	-	(520)
Reallocation of Net Assets	(22,531)	22,531	-
Net Assets Beginning of Year	809,659	119,456	929,115
Net Assets End of Year	$ 786,608	$ 141,987	$ 928,595

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2019 AND 2018

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

a) Nature of Activities:

The Organization was formed in 1881 and declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia. The Organization's purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865 through preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to its members. Other activities include honoring all those who served our country patriotically and teaching patriotism and duties of citizenship.

b) Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses and purchases of assets are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. Net assets, revenues, expenses, and gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets without Donor Restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time or are maintained in perpetuity. When a restriction expires, restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

c) New Accounting Prounouncement

In 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued accounting standards update (ASU) 2016-14, *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Entities*. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass Department adopted the provisions of this new standard for the year ended March 31, 2019. In addition to the changes in terminology used to describe categories of net assets throughout the financial statements, new disclosures were added regarding liquidity and the availability of resources, and the addition of a statement of expenses by both nature and classification.

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OF THE
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MARCH 31, 2019 AND 2018

1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

d) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of demand deposit accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of 3 months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market value.

e) Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional pledges, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Pledges are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. Contributions of investments are recorded at the fair market value at the date of the gift.

f) Investments:

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair market value in the statements of financial position.

g) Income Taxes:

The Organization is exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is also exempt from state and local income taxes.

On April 1, 2009, the Organization adopted the provisions of FASB ASC-740-10, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. FASB ASC-740-10 requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a 'more-likely-than-not' threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The implementation of FASB ASC-740-10 had no impact on the Organization's statement of assets, liabilities, and net assets or statement of revenues, expenses and other changes in net assets. The Organization does not believe its financial statements include (or reflect) any uncertain tax positions.

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1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

h) Income Taxes (Continued):

The Organization files information returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U.S. Federal information return examinations by tax authorities for years before 2016.

i) Concentrations of Credit Risk:

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and certificates of deposit. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, the balances of which, at times may exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to $250,000. At March 31, 2019 and 2018, the Organization did not have deposits in excess of FDIC insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	2019	2018
Cash	$ 12,018	$ 14,785
Total	$ 12,018	$ 14,785

3. Availability of Financial Assets

The Organizations financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date for expenditures were as follows at March 31:

	2019	2018
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 12,018	$ 14,785
Certificates of Deposit	70,905	70,618
Investments at Fair Market Value	850,366	701,205
Financial Assets available to meet cash Needs for general expenditures within one year	$ 933,289	$ 786,608

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4. Fair Value Measurements:

ASC 820-10-50, *Fair Value Measurements* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10-50 are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2019.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	$ 850,366	$ -	$ -	$ 850,366
Certificates of Deposit	-	212,892	-	212,892
	$ 850,366	$ 212,892	$ -	$1,063,258

4. Fair Value Measurements: (Continued)

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

	March 31, 2019		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 26,623	$ 305	$ 26,928
Realized Gains and Losses On Investments	60,744	-	60,744
Unrealized Gains and Losses On Investments	88,418	-	88,418
	$ 175,785	$ 305	$ 176,090

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2018.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stocks	$ 701,205	$ -	$ -	$ 701,205
Certificates of Deposit	-	212,605	-	212,605
	$ 701,205	$ 212,605	$ -	$ 913,810

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

	March 31, 2018		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Dividend and Interest Income	$ 25,698	$ 1,091	$ 26,789
Realized Gains and Losses On Investments	(5,287)	-	(5,287)
Unrealized Gains and Losses On Investments	-	-	-
	$ 20,411	$ 1,091	$ 21,502

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5. Method Used for Allocation of Expenses Among Program and Management and General Expenses

Expenses in the statements of revenue, expenses, and other changes in net assets are listed by their function. The organization has not allocated any expenditures between functions for the years ending March 31, 2019 and 2018.

6. Net Assets with Donor Restrictions:

Permanently Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

	2019	2018
Arnold William Copenhagen Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to the post for relief work and the decoration of graves of veterans of the Civil War.	$ 47,070	$ 47,070
Margaretha Myers Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to provide proper care of lot# 814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	14,071	14,071
Charles F. Ellis Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries.	17,284	17,284
George C. Marshall Fund Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational,and patriotic work of the Camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries.	13,993	13,993
Robert & Ethel Wood Fund Investments in perpetuity income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts.	27,038	27,038
Loring Fund	22,531	22,531
	$ 141,987	$ 141,987

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7. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through February 15, 2020, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Agenda Officers Meeting

April 6, 2019

Opening

Roll call of Officers

Reading of minutes

Treasurers Report

Officers Reports 01

Committee Reports

Unfinished business –

1. Bylaws changes due in to Dept by May 31, 2019 or face suspension. Department bylaws changes are due June 30, 2019. (Camps 15,25 are done)
2. Committee to look at 501c3 for Department

New business –

1. Department Property needs to have a better accounting system so the Department knows where the property is.
2. Annual reports are due by April 30, 2019.
3. Camps 3188 and 132 need to get the form 22 in.
4. Department Encampment
   A. Tabled motion needs to be brought back and voted on.
   B. Money for the heating system at Rockland??
   C. Will be held at Grotonwood on April 26 and 27
5. Proposal to erect monument to Susie Taylor
6. Corrective Maintenance to GAR lot at Mt Hope Cemetery
7. Proposed Department budget 2019-2020

Good of the Order

1. Clara Barton rededication April 13, Oxford Ma.
2. Charlestown MA Civil War Memorial ceremony April 28
3. North Attleboro MA Memorial Day Parade Saturday May 25

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Massachusetts

Officers Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2019

Meeting Opened around 11:25 A.M.

Roll Call of officers: Attending: Commander Daniel Murray, Junior Vice Commander Bill Naughton, Secretary John Dupré, Council #1 Kevin Tucker, Council # 2 Dexter Bishop, Council #3 George Maple, Patriotic Instructor Ken London, Clarion Call Editor Rod Fraser, Eagle Scout Coordinator Ed Knight. Brothers Charles Lewis Camp 22, Al Smith Camp 5

Highlights; 70,000 Civil War veterans graves still to be found.

Ed Knight has done several Eagle Courts of Honor and hopes to have a total of 6 done by the Department Encampment.

By Laws revisions from the camps are due by May 31.

Camps 132 and 3188 have not filed Form 22.

New Business

An accounting system and inventory of Department Property in Rockland is needed.

Camp 26 is working hard to stay viable.

NERA will be July 20 at the Wiers in Laconia, NH

Rockland GAR hall is looking for a $2000 donation for boiler repairs.

Brother Tim Callahan has suffered a stroke.

Rod Fraser is recommending a donation to provide a memorial marker for Susie Taylor the first African American Army nurse. She is buried at Mt. Hope cemetery in Boston. A committee was established with Al Smith, Dexter Bishop and Rod Fraser.

The Auxiliary will be consolidated from the 6 New England states to the Department of New England.

A proposal for cemetery maintenance at Mt. Hope in June.

Budget

Proposal for more flag carriers for recreated flags.

A request of $750 for the History Bee.

A proposal to develop a policy for the Dept of Mass for a press release to be used regarding instances of cemetery vandalism.

Patriotic Instructor reports Form 40 filed for Camps 5, 15, 61 and 104.